

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application, of which claims 1 and 36 are independent claims.

Claims 1-39 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Office action indicates that the Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect an invention.

II. CLAIMS DO PROVIDE A CONTRIBUTION OVER THE PRIOR ART

The Office Action states:

The common features including an array of cellular housings and at least one cellular core disposed in at least a substantial number of the cellular housings cannot qualify as special technical features as they do not provide a contribution over the prior art because they are disclosed by Welch (US 5,972,468), Mullen (US 5,890,268), Meteer (US 5,773,121), Geyer (US 4,453,367), and Poppe (US 4,194,255) (see the international search report).

In particular, these references teach an array of cellular housings and at least one cellular core disposed in at least a substantial number of the cellular housings and further indicate they do not provide a contribution over the prior art. Therefore, the reference(s) specifically suggests using the common elements as claimed.

(See Office Action, pages 2-3)

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the present invention structure and submit that contribution over the prior art is provided.

Should questions arise during examination, the Examiner is welcome to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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